

Allowing these big companies to control destroys the freedom that has always characterized the internet and made it a safe haven for people of all kinds to share thoughts, ideas and artwork. These new rules Wheeler is pushing have no benefits for the general public - they exist only to serve corporate greed.

—Vincent Alexander, Carroll, OH

The public, the 99%, the everyday and occasional internet users, small business folks, mom and pop stores...have a lot to lose if you choose the wrong agenda. We are America. Not the corporations. We are the ones you need to keep in mind. Not the corporations. If the FCC blindsides the American people by ending NET NEUTRALITY we will surely fight back in peaceful ways that have yet been determined. And you will lose. So do the right thing...now. Thank you.

—Juliette Hemingway, Aurora, CO

As an educator I clearly see the difference between those who have access and those who don't. What is not as obvious is how things that are seemingly luxury items have permeated our culture to the point that lack of direct access leads to a stratified society. Children are expected to complete out of class assignments using information found on a variety of platforms. And of course speed matters! The speed of connection makes the difference between piquing the interest and engaging a third grader in meaningful learning or having that child hate math because it takes too long to load the Kahn Academy or Algebra Nation. Net Neutrality is the only way that we can begin to see a society where all have the opportunity to contribute at their best. It is the 21st century manifestation of the American Dream, and ending net neutrality not only kills the dream, but may also lead to more dire unintended consequences.

—Adrienne Cooper, Port Orange, FL

Corporations can't win everything. Limiting the internet would be the same as limiting a library based on what companies paid for us to read. Terrible! Don't do it FCC!

—Suzanne, Seattle, WA

It is not enough to have a multi-tier system for internet access. Anyone in eastern MA who wants to apply to even the simplest retail position at a chain store is directed to apply on-line. This simple fact pushes internet access from a nice-to-have into the REQUIRED category just to get a minimum wage job. Once this threshold was crossed, ISPs need to be considered a utility. I cannot get multiple cable companies to choose from. I have one option. I can get one phone provider with copper lines. I have the option of FIOS, but there are no other fiber providers. This is a lack of competition. No competition is a monopoly and requires regulation of them as such. I've noticed increasing issues with my Netflix connection. Verizon's response was to "upgrade" my speed. Why? I don't stream any more than I did 6 months ago and the speed seemed just fine then. This seems eerily similar to the issues ComCast customers had a few months ago until they reached a shakedown agreement over Netflix. Once Netflix paid up, all issues "miraculously" resolved themselves. There is no such thing as a FAIR multitier system. If the providers will not upgrade their system to keep up with demand, in order for someone to go faster, someone else has to go slower. It's that simple. You see it on the highway all the time. If all lanes need to merge, when the cop stops the traffic to allow one lane to clear, everyone else waits. There is no magic fast and faster. There is faster and slower. It is unnecessary and unfair to take a free and open system and make everyone else go slower just because someone else has the money to go faster than everyone else. The ISPs are common carriers and it's time to treat them as such. Thank you for your time.

—Chris Corayer, Northborough, MA

To quote the artist Jim Zub: "The internet is the ultimate leveling field because something can become insanely popular on its own merit. It's all equidistant. It's about the merit of the work. The biggest comic right now is not Superman or Batman or Spider-Man. It's Penny Arcade."

—Lauren Chaikin, Lakewood, OH

These multi million dollar conglomerates already control enough of our lives. Please don't give them more money & power. Ultimately, it is the consumer (and their children) who will suffer the most.

—Sandi Frece, new Castle, PA

Getting rid of Net Neutrality will serve to increase the wealth disparity between the rich and the poor. If these rules pass, money will dictate whose voices are heard, unpopular speech will undoubtedly be silenced and no safeguards or regulation will prevent that. You need only look at the past to know that the rich and powerful will forever use any advantage to exploit and disenfranchise the weak and the poor. The internet as it stands today is the only real avenue for free speech in our world.

—Jose R. Santos, Harrison, NJ

Internet providers must not be allowed to vary connection speeds to different websites. This creates an extremely unfair Internet marketplace while reducing healthy competition and innovation. We need REAL net neutrality.

—David Sales, Knoxville, TN

Net neutrality is a hallmark of communication. When you restrict the communication by forcing users into fast lanes and slow lanes, manipulating what is or is not shown, slowing down certain websites, then you restrict our means of communication just to get a few bucks in your pocket. A free internet, equal to all people, is similar to the First Amendment. It should not be messed with, or threatened.

—Shanting Liu, Atlanta, GA

FCC, ISPs must(!) be reclassified as common carriers. Discrimination of this magnitude will devastate the exchange of knowledge, art, comedy, and any emotion imaginable stemming from the freedom of online communication. As a recent graduate, who makes their living contacting clients and completing commissions via Internet services, protecting Net Neutrality is paramount. Please do not let my crippling debt be for naught.

—Dean P., Orlando, FL

Internet Service Providers should be classified as Common Carriers. It's what they do. How they are not classified as such is simply beyond comprehension. Do the right thing, leave the Internet an open market for competition and innovation.

—Ryan Russ, APO (AE), NY

Net neutrality is essential in a democracy.

—Kurt Broderson, Addison, VT

Right now I'm twenty years old. I have lived with the internet my entire life. Some of my earliest memories involve the distinctive beeping and buzzing of old-school dialup internet and the chunky internet browsers that existed at the time. The more I learned about the immense network called the internet the more I loved it. The internet was a vast infinite grid that was ever expanding and evolving. The future that had opened up before me offered opportunities that the generations before me couldn't have even dreamed of. With the click of a mouse I had access to more information on a topic than any encyclopedia could ever offer. The internet was freedom. The internet opened worlds of possibilities and to a young boy such as myself that thought was tantalizing. You didn't have to be rich to own a website or advertise your business. All you needed was a computer and access to the internet and you could have the freedom to publish anything you wanted. That freedom from the internet is what has led me to where I am now. I have been largely successful throughout my life and it's largely in part thanks to the free internet that I am where I am now. I want every child to have the same opportunity that I did. The opportunity offered by a free internet. A place where they can build whatever site they want and research whatever they want. Not a place bogged down by oppressive fees from ISPs and restrictions on what content will be available. If net neutrality is abolished and ISPs are allowed to throttle certain sites to allow for premium access to other sites the free world known as the Internet will soon be gone. Commercial ISPs are interested in one thing, profits. It's a slippery slope and if we go that way before we know it the web will end up a pathetic mess akin to what cable TV is. "Are you interested in the basic internet package for 69.95\$/month or would you prefer the premium package that comes with YouTube for 99.95\$/month?"

—Landon, Farmington, UT

The FCC's proposed net neutrality rules would trample competition and innovation. They would end the rich diversity of the internet. Allowing the few large Internet service providers to prioritize web traffic based on the content producer's ability to pay would destroy many of those that can't. The internet Service Providers are the winners, gaining more control over the internet and greater profits. The losers are consumers - who will have fewer choices and inevitably higher prices; smaller, new content producers, and potential content providers of content and services that will be discouraged from entering the market. The proposed rules mean the end of real net neutrality. They must be changed.

—Pamela Creevey, Portland, OR

Net neutrality is key to the innovation and growth we have seen for the internet. By allowing a company to charge for more speed and bandwidth, especially since the consumer is already paying for both, would harm freedom of speech, small business, and consumers. Allowing a few large corporations to profit on the backs of people everywhere, while stifling creative and progress. We need a free and open internet.

—William, denver, CO

As an iOS developer, the death of Net Neutrality could have a devastating effect on my industry. Without it, small startups like the one I work for would be pressured by additional costs and risk in order to develop new products. This will starve innovation and slow down one of the strongest economic sectors in the country.

—Adam Cumiskey, Hackettstown, NJ

Dear FCC... Please do not let big corporations take over the way we use the internet. Net Neutrality is necessary to ensure that company such as Comcast, AT&T, Verizon, and other providers do not gain a foothold that will inevitably lead to control and influence over what people can access. Don't sellout our internet.... KEEP NET NEUTRALITY!!!!

—Kris Hoyt, Saint Albans, VT

Net Neutrality is critical to free speech and free speech is critical to freedom.

—Sherri Stout, Knoxville, TN

The end of Net Neutrality is an unfair change. ISPs need to be reclassified as common carriers.

—Lisa Peterson, Bemidji, MN

Please un-fuck the internet. It should be open. It should be paid for by end users who drive demand not content providers that pay to be heard.

—Joshua Kehn, New York, NY

Net Neutrality is a good and wonderful thing. How dare you try to take it away!

—Michael Whitlock, St. Louis, MO

The internet is a conduit for ideas and this needs to be saved! It must be FREE, EQUAL, and PROTECTED for all American citizens.

—Liz Black, Lakewood, CO

Living in and serving a rural community (Franklin County, Vermont) is life in the "slow lane." Every technological advance has been slow to come to our area. This has resulted in fewer opportunities for residents and students of the area. Broadband has become the equalizer in our communities. Students and employees can now work, learn and compete with their peers from more populated and affluent areas. When small schools and businesses are unable to afford "fast lane" rates, students will lose online learning opportunities and consumers will lose patience with small, slow website and head to the few major online re-sellers. The broadband providers of the U.S. are not struggling but our students and small businesses are. Reclassify ISP's as common carriers and keep regulations current with the 21st century needs of the nation.

—Elizabeth Malone, St. Albans, VT

I am writing to you to please ask to please keep net neutrality. In today's world the internet is the greatest tool we the people have to have a chance to actually have what the Declaration of Independence says is our unalienable right, Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. With the internet we can find entertainment, we can find friends, we can start our own businesses, we can discover new people we want to support, we can find an audience for our special abilities, and so much more. As an artist, I have built a business thanks solely to the internet. And I can attribute that to net neutrality. If the law is passed that allows people to have 'better' roads to them, the fairness of the internet is ruined. Why? Imagine you go to a convention to announce you have a new wonderful app. If the convention is like the internet, everyone there has the same sized booth, gets the same time with the convention goers, get the same amount of time to make your pitch. If the internet is like the way the the two tiered internet then if you go to it, you get a tiny booth on the edge of the parking area, no one gets to see you there, and the people who have the most money gets the biggest, noisiest, most distracting booth and can force the convention goers to stand in THEIR lines if the want to get through. So basically this says only the people with money can make money. It is further destroying the distance between the have and have not's. This is damaging to the people as well as the government. With the loss of the last level playing field for us to build ourselves up and make good money, you lose out on taxes, you lose out on the chance to have more people become well off the help sustain the economy, and will have more people dependent on the taxes of the few to just keep going or to leave the country to try to make a better life. So I ask you to PLEASE, throw out the rules and reclassify ISP's as common carriers. Keep the playing field level, and allow us the chance to Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. Thank you.

—Dwayne Biddix, Spruce Pine, NC

Please keep the internet NEUTRAL. This is critical to free speech and freedom !

—Charles Cross, Knoxville, TN

To Whom It May Concern: I know you probably won't read this. You may not even care. I don't even know the words I'm really going to type on this page so bear with me. Look, the Internet is a tool that has helped not only this country but the world to grow and flourish like no time ever before in history. Little boys and girls now have access to a library of information at their fingertips. A library is for the people, and people have the right to access any information that they see fit, how they see fit. The Internet is now our library, please do not restrict access to it. Please do not end Net Neutrality. Thank you.

—James Fryer, Knoxville, TN

Dear FCC Chairman Wheeler and Members of Congress: I can't believe that in today's modern world discrimination is still a case, and that it actually matters how big you are if you want to share your heart and soul with other people. By abolishing Net Neutrality you will only prevent individuals, small and non-profit businesses from bringing rich, diverse content to the world. Diversity is the beauty and the Internet enables everyone to share themselves, to do something good and to be heard. Please protect the Net Neutrality and help us make equality the main virtue of the modern world.

—Aneta Opart, Wroclaw,

Please preserve REAL net NEUTRALITY by not giving privileged access to certain ISPs at the expense of others. A level playing field means that financial interests should not be a factor in access; speed and choice should not be based on income, which would be the consequence of Net Neutrality as currently proposed. To avoid this, classify ISPs as common carriers.

—Augusta Goldstein, San Francisco, CA

It is important that all United States Human Beings be afforded equal access to the internet regardless of income. In addition, that the internet be preserved at its current style of usage so that it can protect the free speech of all those that wish to utilize it's information.

—Katherine Mott, Richmond, VA

A free and equal internet is critical for economic growth.

—Kasey Buckles, South Bend, IN

Without net neutrality, it will be that much harder for new innovations to spread.

—Seth Rutledge, Raleigh, NC

PLEASE keep the internet neutral.

—Lauren Goche, Portland, OR

There should be no fast and slow lanes. The internet should be open to all-- real net neutrality .

—Susan winter, Concord, MA

Well done for allowing the "art" of lobbying to corrupt and strangle your democracy.

—Edward Stratton, Portloe,

If we are truly a country whose foundation is based on Freedom of Speech, it is critically imperative that net neutrality. The internet is a vehicle for anyone to express and share their opinions and research and access information, current events and unbiased, in-depth reporting. If this turns into a pay to play system, it is a direct violation of our freedoms and allows the media and the message to be controlled by corporations, which despite new-speak definitions, are not people. It's another strategy to dumb down the masses and squash critical thinkers. Do the right thing. Preserve Net Neutrality.

—Ms. Donna Schutt, asheville, NC

I'm sick of people trying to screw people over for money! Let the internet be free, the way it started out!

—Rigel Anestos, Hiroshima,

Please keep the net free and open to the public. The taxpayers deserve the freedom that corporate America is trying to take away.

—Daniel Thomason, Hendersonville, TN

Knowledge is the one great equalizer. We cannot relegate fast information to the wealthy! The corruption of our government is truly shocking.

—Claire Mitchell, denver, CO

I personally have had several experiences of cable/internet companies trying to "extort" me into a higher level (and more expensive) plan or additional services through their selective use of slower internet speeds. For instance, one internet provider instantly slowed their service to the point where it was unusable for streaming videos immediately after the 30-day guarantee period (it worked fine during the money-back guarantee period) in an attempt to get me into a higher level plan, even though they assured me before starting the service that the lower level plan was sufficient for streaming. Currently, I have a different internet provider who also provides cable TV services. The company has recently been attempting to persuade me to add their TV service to my internet-only service plan. Suspiciously, at the same time, I have noticed my streaming channels have gotten noticeably slower, some to the point of being next to unusable (the ones that are becoming unusable are the smaller, independent content providers). Is it a coincidence that my streaming services are being slowed when the internet/cable company is trying to push THEIR TV service to me? My opinion is NO. These are examples of why letting ISP's (and especially large conglomerates that also offer their own content services), decide who gets what speed is extremely bad for consumers and for smaller content providers. In addition, it is bad for democracy, because it will force out the smaller and less-financially-endowed voices. The ISP's are supposed to be providing a platform that can be used equally by all, not manipulating the internet to rig the game for their own benefit. Please do nothing less than reclassify the ISP's as common carriers. It is not enough for the FCC to "police" the large internet/media conglomerates.

—Sarah Sutorik, Tallahassee, FL

Net Neutrality isn't just important, it's vital. The internet has changed our world, made it possible for the little guys to succeed, enabled me to start a business and provided immeasurable opportunity for those with nothing but drive and ingenuity. There's no good reason to take that away. None. And the idea that anyone would even propose it is sickening. Keep greed and avarice out of the internet, and keep it an open market, free of discrimination and free from the kind of price segmentation that defines winners and losers based on income. Stop this asinine propose. Protect Net Neutrality. Protect the people. And stop lining the pockets of those who want to control things they have no right to.

—Kate Erker, Conifer, CO

I support net neutrality because I support education. Technology and the internet, if well used, have the potential to narrow the achievement gap and give youths across the country an opportunity to succeed, regardless of their socioeconomic status. If there's a "fast lane" that people have to pay to access, then only wealthier students will be able to use it, giving them an advantage over their less wealthy counterparts, and in the long run causing an even wider disparity between rich and poor. Please don't allow companies to compromise the Internet!

—Lindsay Herron, Albuquerque, NM

Because the internet should be open and free for everyone, always

—Celeste, PDX, OR

Please preserve net neutrality and freedom of speech.

—Simona Mkrtshjan, Cleveland Heights, OH

Please keep the internet neutral and save net neutrality. Net neutrality is imperative for the future of the internet.

—Keith Kocsis, San Francisco, CA

I support the Net Neutrality points outlined by the American Library Association and the Association of Research Libraries, among others: Net Neutrality Principles ♦ Ensure Neutrality on All Public Networks : Neutrality is an essential characteristic of public broadband Internet access. The principles that follow must apply to all broadband providers and Internet Service Providers (ISPs) who provide service to the general public , regardless of underlying transmission technology (e.g., wireline or wireless) and regardless of local market conditions. ♦ Prohibit Blocking : ISPs and public broadband providers should not be permitted to block access to legal web sites, resources, applications , or Internet - based services. ♦ Protect Against Unreasonable Discrimination : Every person in the United States should be able to access legal content , applications , and services over the Internet, without “ unreasonable discrimination ” by the owners and operators of public broadband networks and ISPs. This will ensure that ISPs do not give favorable transmission to their affiliated content providers or discriminate against particular Internet services based on the identity of the user, the content of the information , or the type of service being provided. “ Unreasonable discrimination ” is the standard in Title II of the Communications Act ; t he FCC has gen erally applied this standard to instances in which providers treat similar customer s in significantly different ways . ♦ Prohibit Paid Prioritization : Public b roadband providers and ISPs should not be permitted to sell prioritized transmission to certain content, applications , and service providers over other Internet traffic sharing the same network facilities. Prioritizing certain Internet traffic inherently disadvantage s other content, applications, and service providers — including those from higher education and libraries that serve vital public interests . ♦ Prevent Degradation : Public broadband providers and ISPs should not be permitted to degrade the transmission of Internet content, applications , or service providers , either intentionally or by failing to invest in adequate broadband capacity to accommodate reasona ble traffic growth . ♦ Enable Reasonable Network Management : Public broadband network operators and ISPs should be able to engage in reasonable network management to address issues such as congestion, viruses, and spam as long as such actions are consistent with the se principle s . Policies and procedures should ensure that legal network traffic is managed in a content - neutral manner. ♦ Provide Transparency : P ublic broadband network operators and ISPs should disclose network management practices publ icly and in a manner that 1) allows users as well as content, application, and service providers to make informed choices ; and 2) allows policy - makers to determine whether the practices are consistent with these network neutrality principles. This rule does not require disclosure of essential proprietary information or information that jeopardizes network security. ♦ Continue Capacity - Based Pricing of B roadband Internet A ccess C onnections : P ublic b roadband providers and ISPs may continue to charge consumers and content, application , and service providers for their broadband connections to the Internet, and may receive greater compensation for greater capacity chosen by the consumer or content, application , and service provide r . ♦ Adopt Enforceable Policies : Policies and rules to enforce these principles should be clearly stated and transparent. Any public broadband provider or ISP that is found to have violated these policies or rules should be subject to penalties , after being adjudicated on a case - by - case basis . ♦ Accommodate Public Safety : Reasonable accommodations to these principles can be made based on evidence that such accommodations are necessary for public safety, health, law enforcement, national security , or emerge ncy situations. ♦ Maintain the Status Quo on Private Networks : Owners and operators of private networks that are not open ly available to the general public should continue to operate according to the long - standing principle and practice that private networks are not subject to regulation. E nd users (such as households, companies, coffee shops, schools , or libraries) should be free to decide how they use the broadband services they obtain from network operators and ISPs.

—Virginia Moran Heinrich, Woodbury, MN

Net Neutrality is important to me because I use the internet as a tool to seek information. I am a graphic designer and it is a creative playground. I don't believe we should be limited to the sites we are allowed to access it because our ISP's don't prefer it. America is a free country and we should be free to do as we please on the web as well. I fear that If these new rules were approved we would start to see our freedoms taken away such as free speech and freedom of assembly. Please get rid of these rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you!

—Joey Halderman, Visalia, CA

The use of the internet should not be based on having enough money to "take the high road." Enough of society is already fractured this way.

—George W Marshall, NEW CARROLLTON, MD

Kill net neutrality and you will kill off everything that is bringing not just America, but the world back up on it's feet after the "Great Recession."

—Mandy Milliron, Iowa, LA

I don't want big corporations having virtual monopolistic control of a resource that many in the world's population are still gaining access to and learning how to use. The internet's democratic abilities have allowed it to grow into the important resource that it is. Limiting these opportunities will weaken it and weaken us as a society.

—Harry Kent, Minneapolis, MN

The accessibility of an open equal internet is at great risk if privatized. We can't let that happen.

—Luis Orellana, Los Angeles, CA

Open internet and equal treatment is important to me!!

—Stephanie Bartlett, provo, UT

Net neutrality is essential to active Democracy. Allowing the already rich to control the "fast track" is not neutral. I am no kid. I am a 57 year old U.S. Army, COL that never fails to vote; but the young folks have this one right. An open, equally accessible, Internet is in the best interests of our great nation.

—Steven McFeeters, Baldwyn, MS

As a small business owner whose business model is based on reaching customers online, Net Neutrality is vitally important to me. As an artist and author, I share my work online to build an audience. That audience can then directly support me through purchasing my work and wares. Should Net Neutrality be eliminated, it would be much harder for me to reach my audience, and for them to find me. If there are fees to be paid in order to get fast lanes, only larger businesses and corporations would be able to afford those fees and a start up, small business would be extremely hard pressed to even grow under those circumstances. The internet is already a level playing field for everyone, big and small businesses alike. Should Net Neutrality be ended, the bigger businesses, the ones with all the financial advantages already, would prosper even more while smaller businesses would falter. Businesses like mine would barely be able to compete in an already competitive world. The American Dream of owning your own business and thriving can happen thanks to the equality of the internet. Please don't take that away from all the Americans striving to make their dreams a reality.

—Jennifer Smith, Laurel, MD

Please rethink your strategy and give all users of the net and all people doing business on the net a fair go. Let's not have a class system for the internet.

—Paul Rooney, Cammeray,

It's just not worth it.

—Max Savin, New York, NY

Dear FCC, Please say no to big money cable companies and do the right thing for those of us that depend on a free and level playing field on the internet. Thomas Wheeler and his money backers are looking out for themselves instead of small business and hard working Americans that refuse to be saddled with more fees and censorship by a few powerful companies. Do the right thing and say no to the greed of a small majority that have let power cloud their view on this topic. Let Americans have some say in their lives and end the nanny state of government and big business. Brent Naughton, a voting small businessman.

—Brent Naughton, Cincinnati, OH

Please actually listen to us.

—David Ray, Sebastopol, CA

Net neutrality has provided unseen freedom of information and discourse, regardless of class, education, race, or gender of the people who use it. It is essential to democracy in the 21st century. The US must embrace these values and grow with them, instead of further being crippled by corporate greed and intervention.

—Kristine Nordella, Eugene, OR

Real net neutrality is needed for the fair use under equal rights for every user (or company). As I see it ISPs could otherwise not only sell a fast lane to those who can afford it, but also will be able to choose to whom they sell this service - this can lead to situations where one company is granted the service while another (maybe the direct competitor to the first mentioned company) is denied this service. Better re-think what you try to establish here.

—Torben Guse, Witten,

Next month I will be 69 years old. Because I'm now on a fixed income I gave up my TV when I retired. I had to choose between cable TV or an internet connection. The choice was easy -- I chose internet access. I get all my news via the internet, reading for several hours every morning. I get recipes, movies, photography classes, financial information, etc. on line. My internet connection is often abysmally slow now. It is already frustrating to wait and wait for a web site to load. I listen to multiple podcasts daily on a variety of issues. My use of the internet for a myriad of daily tasks is constantly increasing. If you eliminate net neutrality the internet will become one more institution with special access for the rich -- one more class struggle for access for the 99%. People are already angry enough at the government -- don't give them one more reason to feel powerless and alienated! Protect NET NEUTRALITY!

—Ileen Weber, Everett, WA

Free internet creates a more even ground for learning, spanning all income demographics. To ask a fee for such a resource is, to me, criminal in the sense that it can steal the potential from many that may not be able to afford such.

—Cheryl, Portland, OR

Net Neutrality should be considered a basic human right at this point, due to the amount of work where an internet connection is mandatory.

—Nah, that one,

Do not ruin the internet. This will hurt small businesses. Net neutrality is patriotic. Do not sell our freedom to the highest bidder.

—Colin Marshall, saugus, CA

Paid prioritization is just a nice way of saying unpaid discrimination, to the point of blocking access to anything unpaid. I pay my ISP to connect me to the Internet-- the entire Internet, unadulterated and uncensored. I don't pay them to connect me to the companies who have paid them for the privilege of my patronage. Why on earth would I want AT&T/Time Warner/Comcast/etc to decide what sites I can reach and what sites I can't? Why would I pay for that? The Internet is not cable television. I do not want a package that includes some sites but not other sites. I do not want a gatekeeper between me and the world, charging money for the privilege of accessing me. I just want an open connection. You cannot argue that ISPs will not abuse this ability. They already do (ie, recent demands that Netflix pay ISPs for the ability to connect to end users). You cannot argue that the free market will protect users, because in vast parts of the country there are government-granted monopolies on the last-mile connection to homes, and thus no competition and no free market. Traffic has to be neutral. Anything less gives huge ISPs like AT&T/Time Warner/Comcast the ability to control the flow of information to the end user. And given the immeasurable effect of the Internet on a company's business (especially online-only businesses like Amazon, Netflix, etc), it gives those ISPs the ability to basically choose winners and losers in our economy. I do not want that control in the hands of anyone. Net neutrality is absolutely necessary. Common Carrier classification would be better still. There should be competition in every market to prevent ISPs from abusing their positions.

—K Klesch, Hilliard, OH

It is not a fair system, the internet should be the same for all people.

—Nick Dawson, Derby,

Please preserve net neutrality and allow new startups a chance against established companies. This will help innovation and allow America to stay competitive.

—Jon Yom Tov, Hampton, VA

Please don't make America more of a joke to the rest of the world. The internet is a public utility. Not a private free market profit engine.

—Elan Tanzer, Los Angeles, CA

Without New Neutrality, the internet as we know it would be in shambles. We wouldn't have the rights and freedoms we do currently, and we as human beings would be getting taken advantage of and abused. ISPs are common carriers, nothing more!

—Cody Turner, Harwood, MD

Free speech should not be sold to the highest bidder.

—Tyler York, Tacoma, WA

Why is this important? 1 A free and open internet is the single greatest technology of our time, and control should not be at the mercy of corporations. 2 A free and open internet stimulates ISP competition. 3 A free and open internet helps prevent unfair pricing practices. 4 A free and open internet promotes innovation. 5 A free and open internet promotes the spread of ideas. 6 A free and open internet drives entrepreneurship. 7 A free and open internet protects freedom of speech. Without an open internet, big corporations would have tight control over how we access websites and services. Please do your part to keep the internet a cornerstone of freedom and opportunity.

—Miranda Morehouse, Portland, OR

I live in a rural area in NE Florida, Hilliard I only have one choice for internet Windstream I pay 46 dollars a month for DSL that only has a speed of 3mg that's on a good day. We need more choices, We need high speed Access available for all. Foreign country's have better internet than we do in the US. There should be no limiting going on at all. We pay top dollar for internet on are Cell plans I pay 60 dollars a month of Cricket an ATT company. I am limited to 5mg. Know home internet providers are starting the same form of robbery. First of all I can't afford to though money away on two internet plans, We should only have to have one. We should be able to have unlimited internet on are cell plans and share that service at our Homes. I get speeds of up to 9mg.3 times faster on my cell internet than my home internet. These Cell and Home internet providers have no reason to limit are service and our internet speeds.

—James Fike, Hilliard, FL

The internet is one of the last places left on earth that hasn't shoved a huge wedge between the rich and the poor. There's no reason for there to be a class divide on the internet. It's working excellently as it is and it would be a disservice to us all if this uniquely level playing field was damaged. I want to live in a world where someone who isn't rich can successfully present their creative efforts to the entire internet population without needing an expensive middleman to get them into the "right" places so their content can be easily viewed. I live in that world now. Without Net Neutrality, I won't live in that world anymore. Please, preserve Net Neutrality.

—Julie Atwood, Shoreline, WA

I want the Internet and my privacy to stay the same. Killing net neutrality will essentially ruin my everyday life because I rely on less-known websites to run a lot of my life.

—Munir Gargour, Seattle, WA

Dear fcc, i only have one thing to say about this. This proposal gives too much power to buisnesses that are already extremely wealthy. Singling out groups of people that can't afford the proposed plan will not motivate them to pay more. It will only hurt all lower and middle class people who have other worries in life, such as food, car payment, college, and other living expences (which are all grossly overpriced). This is not the corperate buisnesses nation. Please go no further to restrict the people when this is the people's nation.

—Joshua williamson, Richardson, TX

An open Internet is what is best for everyone. Everyone wins with real Net Neutrality. Please keep the Internet open.

—Gabriel Gadsden, Johns Island, SC

Please retain free and open access to the Internet by retaining net neutrality. I am a college instructor and have found over the years that the Internet is a fantastic adjunct to classroom instruction. It is a veritable treasure trove of information that aids in the free, open education of American citizens. Please don't allow Internet providers the power to create a "class system" for information flow through the Internet. To do so would reduce the Internet's value as a ready source of information and knowledge. And that would not serve anyone's long-term interest!

—Steve Kirchhoff, Bozeman, MT

Having a "fast line" will mean the rest are left behind. Not fair.

—Thorawr, Skjervøy,

Net Neutrality is important for the fair exchange of information between ordinary people. Allowing telecoms to control the speed at which communications people are allowed by creating fast lanes will wreck the ideals of a free and open internet for the populace. It's bad enough that internet speeds in the United States fall far behind those in Europe and Asia, as well as the exorbitant prices we pay for an inferior service. Eliminating Net Neutrality will exacerbate those problems...which affects the economically disadvantaged more than anyone else.

—Lee Parinis, Orlando, FL

Would you do this to your own family? If so, that's pretty shameful of yourself. Money doesn't go with you after you've passed away, you know? Think about the impact you have on everyone on this planet. Stop this disease called greed and be someone positive; you'll feel much better in the long run as a human being, if you're still one. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Jennifer Kramer, Boca Raton, FL

Net neutrality is REQUIRED for continued innovation on the web!

—Brad Shaheen, New York, NY

FCC: Please throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. I promise you if you continue with this effort I will find out the individuals responsible for this decision and vote you out of your respective positions. If that doesn't work I will devote the rest of my life to pursuing opposition to your careers.

—Mike Gardelle, San Francisco, CA

Please allow our internet to stay free. I believe most Americans are for this. Please do the right thing!!! We need to let the people be the rulers of our country, not corporations. Thank you.

—Sharon Bates, Cleburne, TX

Protect a free and open internet for all. A two tiered internet system will just perpetuate the kind of corruption and cronyism that plagues this country in every spectrum of life. Your job is to protect the citizens of this country, so you have no choice but to protect net neutrality. I strongly urge you to do the right thing.

—Jane Barr, Knoxville, TN

The internet is a UTILITY and essential communication tool that needs to be kept open for the people of this world! It is the culmination of humanity's progress that we are now able to connect to each other from across the globe and learn from one another that we are ONE race, and no better or different. DO NOT allow corporations to control humanity's forward progress and put it up for the sale to the exclusion of those who have a right to access it like anyone else!

—Fernando E. Correa, Foxboro, MA

Since 1992 I have relied on access to the internet for essential business communications, but I have never had the resources to pay a premium for that privilege. A two-tier service on what has come to be a necessary public utility would be completely contrary to the American ideals of equality for all.

—Steven Benson, Fortine, MT

Dear FCC, There are times when the government clearly has rules and regulations that need to be adjusted to allow for growth. Allowing internet service providers the ability to dictate the consumers access to the internet undermines one of our society's greatest assets. The internet provides a free resource an unfathomable amount of information. The freedom of the internet directly impacts every citizen of the country. If ISPs are allowed to pick and choose which websites to allow access to the internet will break. It seem unfathomable that such a thing could happen. But what makes the internet work is the neutrality of the ISP to the access of any website. Once ISPs are allowed to dictate access it is a downward spiral. It seems reasonable that all ISPs want to do is control cost by limiting connections to high data draining sites like Netflix, Hulu or Pandora. However ISPs don't just need to control costs, they need to make revenue. Imagine a world where ATT is now able to contract with Google or Bing to be their search engine of choice. All of ATT's uverse customers would only have access to the search engine that ATT contracts with. Something with Comcast or Verizon. They all contract with websites to allow access to their customer base. This raises the website's cost and limits their ability to stay free. If ISPs can dictate access to some websites and not others then they can choose which search engine people use. Websites are created with search engine optimization in mind, but each search engine is different. If suddenly search engine access is dictate than millions of small businesses would be affected by the sudden algorithm change. Who would have to pay for all these new fees imposed by ISPs to websites for access? The consumer. Its ridiculous to assume that it would be any other way. Net neutrality keeps the ISP companies in competition with each other. Without it larger ISP companies would have greater buying power than other companies, granting them better access to the most popular websites. Imagine not being able to access Ebay unless you have Comcast. Or not being able get on YouTube or any of Google's products unless you have Verizon. It paves the way to limit the poor to free and neutral information. The children of the weathiest parents would have the most access to internet resources while the children of the poorest would have the least. Schools would have to pay additional money for access to premium websites. The government could pay millions more each year for access to websites it uses now. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. It is important for our country to keep the internet open and free.

—Kacie Conaboy, Sparks, NV

I am very much opposed to the plan to allow a two-tiered Internet. It is important to me personally and it is important for our nation that everyone be able to access all websites equally. Please throw out the rules you've come up with and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. That is the solution that makes the most sense to me. Thank you for your time and attention.

—Alys Allwardt, Portland, OR

You must protect Net Neutrality. Stop trying to ruin it.

—Daniel Sorensen, Aurora, CO

Equal internet for all. Please!

—Julia skerry, Portland, OR

Reclassify ISP's as common carriers. Support Net Neutrality. This is an issue of such incredible importance. Please do the right thing, and know the world is watching.

—Bradley Knight, WINDERMERE, FL

The FCC has an opportunity here to show that they are not beholden to corporate interests, and to actually fulfill the will of the people. There is no justifiable reason to allow ISPs, which are already some of the most successful companies in the nation, to illegitimately increase their profits at the expense of the citizens of the United States. Given the extent to which the internet has grown to impact every aspect of our lives, implementing rules to restrict access would be devastating to our economy and our ability to be competitive in the world. Please help restore the faith of the American people that the government by not caving to corporate interests and maintaining a free and open internet. Thank you.

—Kent Patten, Arvada, CO

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we had a small win but because of the decision of the supreme court there will still be constant uphill battles
—Harry Donaldson, amherst, MA

Net neutrality being broken would just put America further behind its European counterparts. Right now we pay more money for SLOWER internet than many European countries, and that will only increase if companies continue to oligopolize this precious information resource even further. They want to make more money and be able to control the speech of others who in many areas have no choice but to use them as an internet provider. The biggest problem is that this will be bad for the economy. It will be good for cable companies, but the rest of american business infrastructure will stagnate without faster internet speeds and equal access. This law being struck down would basically be the equivalent of the supreme court's claim that money is free speech. Yes, cable companies have much more free speech than a consumer, and once net neutrality is removed they will literally be able to stifle any voice who can't pay enough money.
—Jacob Ivice, Jacksonville, FL

Please Leave net neutrality alone!
—Jeremy Buhl, Omaha, NE

I should not have to pay extra for the privilege of job hunting.
—Sarah, Colorado Springs, CO

Companies should not be allowed to control access to information. Net Neutrality helps keep them from doing so.
—C Strickland, Valdosta, GA

Net neutrality is important to every free citizen of the world. Allowing corporations to determine which sites or worthy and which are not gives people who do not have our best interests in mind too much power.
—David, lafayette, LA

Charging more for the same service is quite possibly the most ridiculous thing I've ever heard of. The internet needs to stay open and neutral. In other countries, like Japan, it is treated as a utility. Everyone has access to high speed internet, the companies are making obscene amounts of money, and everyone wins. Why allow the big companies to make even more money while screwing over the average consumer? Shouldn't the Joe schmoe of America be the one who's protected, and not the big corporations with lots of money?
—Katie Mallner, Wilmington, NC

Net neutrality destroys other businesses while not helping others.
—Edward Jones, elkins park, PA

Don't let the big cable companies dictate what we can and cannot do online! The internet is here for EVERYONE to use equally. It is the core of my job and it is quickly becoming the core of our civilization. Almost everything we do is online, from banking to shopping, from working to keeping in touch with friends. It is the information highway and he who has knowledge has power. Why would we want to give that power over to a bunch of greedy corporations whose main objective is to make money off of we, the people?
—Alexa Medhus, Renton, WA

Net neutrality is already under siege without the threat of a legal bill being passed. Net neutrality represents the last free bastion of intellectual and leisure sharing in the world. We already have to encrypt our data to send it confidentially between two private parties, but now we have to worry about just having the ability to do that. The internet is as free as speech gets in a world that is constantly censoring people from having their own voice. This facade that these ISP companies are putting up is no more than a ploy to get their greedy, chubby fingers into yet another honey jar that is currently under protection and to charge extraneous fees to where they see fit.

—Karl V., New Orleans, LA

If small business is the heart of the economy then why would we want to hinder free internet, thereby harming small businesses? I am a small business owner who can hardly afford to pay hosting fees, let alone any additional fees that will invariably crop up once neutrality is removed just to receive the same level of service that Big Business will get (through no virtue of their own other than deep pockets). Destroying net neutrality will cripple small business owners who might as well kiss their online income goodbye. If we're still fooling ourselves into thinking that price-gouging won't be a result of eliminating net neutrality, then we're blatantly ignoring years of evidence to the contrary.

—Rachel V, Las Cruces, NM

Net Neutrality is important because it is one of the few regulations remaining that tries to protect consumer rights.

—Bryce Westheimer, Bellingham, WA

Without net neutrality I wouldn't be able to so easily tell each and every one of you twats to go fuck yourselves. And I mean really go at it. Light some candle. Maybe play some Barry Manilow, or Beyoncé, or Slayer... Whatever your into.

—Voltron, Comcast Blows, DC

Companies like Comcast, and Verizon, have a virtual stranglehold on broadband, and the consumer. There are very few options, for a great many people. Turn the internet into a public utility, as many countries have done. The US is ranked 33rd in terms of speed, worldwide. That is a disgrace, and the cable giants put us there. Keep the net neutral!!!

—Roger A Morrow, Daly City, CA

Net Neutrality is the only thing keeping free flowing information tenable. Before the internet massive media conglomerates had the power to reshape our cognitive map and determine the way we see ourselves and the world. With the emergence of the internet, we now have the power to shape our own perspectives and lives. Losing Net Neutrality will only be the first step in indenturing us to endless ads and self-esteem destroying advertiser propaganda. If we lose Net Neutrality, America will have lost one of it's last true freedoms. Personally, I will opt out of using the internet for recreational purposes if this happens.

—Matt Watrous, Lansing, MI

The internet should be considered a utility. The internet gives people the ability to safely learn, shop, and interact with a national and international community without leaving behind the large ecological footprint of personal transportation. Young people are tired of the authoritarianism of the United States, and without net neutrality the last "free" communications method will be taken away. Young people remember the more free internet from 5 years ago, and we see that every example of infrastructure in the United States is ultimately designed to serve the rich. The youth can see that the "freedom" we've been promised is a great big lie when corporations can take away what was previously free.

—Paul Rasmussen, Blacksburg, VA

Net neutrality creates innovations in products and services as opposed to creating fees to fleece their customers.

—Dan Conley, Nolensville, TN

A free and open internet is critical to our Nation's growth. If that ends those who allowed it to happen will be remembered alongside the biggest blunderers in history.

—Patrick Loftus, leawood, KS

net neutrality protects the new incoming businesses and forces fair competition. I don't mind companies like comcast or verizon making money and succeeding due to good business and hard work; what does bother me is these companies succeeding because they are stifling others.

—John, billings, MT

It's not fair for companies to monopolize internet use.

—Erin Grainger, Casselberry, FL

We the people. For all. Four score and seven. Baby, don't take your internet away from me. I love the internet just the way you are. Which is unviolated by the shenanigans. Stupendous. Thank you and please stop Comcast et al.

—Matt, Millville, NJ

Net neutrality is important on an individual and societal level. Individually, it promotes free and fair speech by allowing the same amount of bandwidth to reach the smallest blog to the biggest blog, individuals and companies, everyone is treated equal. On a societal level, the internet is in all practicality a public domain built by people for people and that should be protected. Rates are already skyhigh with cable companies having no incentive to provide better services, and this will only make matters worse.

—Colin Jamron, Brooklyn, NY

Information should be accessible for everyone. Giving telecommunication companies the power to decide who gets to say what is an abomination.

—Stephen Denny, Austin, TX

Why are we, the country who created the Internet, who created the protocols that run it, amongst the worst in the world in Internet access? Easy: we let the cable and ISP companies dictate our access without regulation. Net neutrality needs to happen if we're going to stay on par with the rest of the world.

—AJ Merrifield, Austin, TX

Net neutrality would stifle creativity of small new sites, making new businesses pay to play raises barriers to entry and lowers competition and consumer choice. Please don't side with the ampules greedy cable companies. This isn't good for anybody but them.

—Ryan Carlson, Chicago, IL

Because the cable companies shouldn't be able to decide how fast they get to stream data, and how much more profit they can make off it, while making up random rubbish excuses for the need for it.

—Richard, Hawthorne, NJ

I do not blame the corporations currently involved in attempting to end net neutrality. Their job, as capitalist organizations, is to make as much money as possible and eventually eliminate all competition from their field. However, it is the responsibility of the federal government to reign in the excesses of these groups, regardless of how much money they use to lobby on their own behalfs. Please retain Net Neutrality, as it is important for this country in that it prevents a group with the most money from controlling the creative works of others on a medium that should be considered a public utility. The internet was created with the help of the federal government. Please allow the government to protect its creation from misuse by groups with big checkbooks.

—Michael Kramer, State College, PA

Like other utilities, the internet has become a core part of the everyday life of every american and business. It is essential to our society and our future prosperity. Additionally, the internet spurs innovation and allows every day citizens to share ideas with people from all over the world. This is why we need to protect it. The companies that currently control the hardware want to turn the internet into something that is customized for their profit margins. However, though they may own the hardware that connects us, they do not own what is truly valuable on the internet, its content. Please support keeping the internet out of the control of a few companies.

—Mr. Thomas Wentworth, raleigh, NC

Trying to make even more money by limiting our freedom is despicable and wrong. In the end you are only hurting the customers as they will have to pay more for services who now have to pay more for the internet. We already pay for internet service to begin with and the cable companies are doing just fine, they don't need to throttle down on everyone because they don't pay ENOUGH. It's a detestable way to make more money and hurt everyone else.

—Travis Smith, West Chester, OH

Net neutrality is important to me because I do not want to be forced to go to websites and obtain information that someone with more Capitol and friends then me has approved, I want to have access to all of the internet, always

—Brayden Kemp, Riverton, UT

We are at an age in which higher end college classes, expansive dictionaries and encyclopedias, complete office suites (such as Google Docs), and expansive retail are all readily and affordably (if not freely) available on the internet. To allow a bunch of cable companies to throttle the average American's rights to a reasonable connection speed is to place control over all of those things in the hands of a small majority. That is the opposite of progress, and bordering on treason.

—Michael Eric Oberlin, Santa Fe, NM

The Internet is the final frontier of communications technology. Moreso that education, the Internet is the great equalizer of mankind, and has the power to connect us in ways that bridge the divides of race, nationality, and class. Taking away Net Neutrality and giving power over the Internet to megacorporations like Comcast and Verizon is no better than handing the reins to Hosni Mubarak himself, but with more disastrous consequences. I am 21 years old, I have lived my entire wonderful amazing life with uninhibited unfettered Internet access, and as a citizen of this great nation, I do not want that to change.

—Jake Zaugg, Salt Lake City, UT

Net neutrality is important because its your only chance to prove that Comcast doesn't actually own you

—Robert will, mason, MI

As an independent emerging artist, it is important for people to be able to find my web presence. I certainly can't afford to pay the cable companies to make my site load faster, and we all know that when something doesn't load quickly enough we won't bother with it. My only chance to get my work out through my website relies on net neutrality!

—Katie Rossiter, Mercerville, NJ

How greedy can one company get? You guys want to be richer than a marvel villain while saying you're doing the best for your patrons. We know you guys are full of crap, what you are doing is disgusting and taking away more freedom. I'm not going to stand for blantent abuse of corporate power.

—Mickaila Robertson, Las Vegas, NV

I can't imagine the world being a better place if cable companies are allowed to charge exorbitant amounts for the exchange of information. The effects could be as far reaching as political influence and pushing the corporate agenda of the highest bidder. Dystopian future here we come.

—Ron Aderholdt, Smyrna, TN

Stop letting huge companies buy legislation that will allow them to create an artificial product (the fast lane) so they can squeeze more money out of consumers and ensure that only megacorporations can succeed online. Seriously, stop selling out!

—James Iler, West linn, OR

Cable internet and multimedia companies want to leverage the use of the internet against its users. By taking a commodity they know everyone is using and arbitrarily charging more for it, they seem to have nothing to lose, right? Except for the fact that the prices are already ridiculous and the internet has revolutionized human culture to the extent that the UN decided to call it a human right. I understand these companies need to make money - but to openly screw the end user like this is horrifying. Aren't their monopolies enough?

—Justin Eveland, Grand Rapids, MI

A policy of making my Netflix run slowly seems like a political loser.

—Wade Hutt, Lexington, KY

It means everybody is entitled to free speech and nobody is denied their free speech because they can't afford to pay for the internet.

—Ruben Cerrillo, Norcross, GA

If we don't keep information from being able to flow freely, if we can't prevent ISP's from being able to charge content creators to ensure that their content can be delivered, then we are going to lose something as a country. It is downright reprehensible that the United States of America should have shittier internet service that just about anywhere else in the developed world. I believe in America, and America should stand for Net Neutrality.

—Gideon McKee, Austin, TX

Please keep the playing field fair for the rest of us. You work for the people of the united states not the cable companies.

—George Marquez, Miami, FL

Net Neutrality is important to me because I was under the impression my freedom of speech was more important than a company's! Or have they bought my rights away?

—Simi Landau, Potomac, MD

We are a lower income family, working our hardest to become middle class. We have suffered many setbacks due to layoffs and the economy and need to keep the internet costs low so that we can afford to use it for such things as job searching and education. Charging more for certain websites and services is putting the internet out of reach for people like us. Instead of helping the internet to become more widely available it does the complete opposite of this goal.

—Meghan DeHaas, Draper, UT

The internet should not be controlled by a handful of businesses. It is a tool for creative expression, communication and social change. We shouldn't limit that to give money to those who want to profit more on an already lucrative agreement.

—Gabriel Christie, Greeley, CO

Net neutrality is something that should not be compromised so that certain gatekeeper companies, which are very nearly monopolies already, can turn additional profit while delivering decreased customer service. I, like so many others, am outraged that cable companies, those bastions of unfeeling self serving opportunists, were so easily able to fleece the government into allowing them to decide unilaterally which websites deserve the best connections. The ability to extort and to impose their own private morals on the internet is a real shame. And sham. It's absurd.

—Joe Skuba, New Orleans, LA

Net Neutrality is a basic human rights necessity. Consider what the founding fathers of this great nation would say about technology that has the ability to spread and share the immeasurable wealth of infinite knowledge. It should be available for all, equally, without charge.

—Alex Geoly, Iowa City, IA

I like being able to look at all sites at the same speed, no matter their popularity and without having to worry about whether or not they spent enough money to warrant a download speed that isn't infuriating. The proposed alternative sounds like it may set up a situation that is similar to the conflict between Amazon and Hachette, with the service provider able to severely cripple or delay the service provided by their client if the client doesn't pay additional money or gets into a dispute with the service provider. I don't want that, and I think very few other people who know what the end of net neutrality means would want that either. Please, do not end net neutrality, keep the internet as free and fair a place as possible.

—Samuel Howeth, San Diego, CA

Net neutrality is vital to protect the free market and free speech.

—Michael, Ardmore, PA

Net Neutrality is important to me because it helps protect some of the basic rights guaranteed by our constitution. Also once we start allowing the ISP's to control the speed a website loads, they will start killing the little fish. AKA the people who aren't rich enough to pay them money for their bullshit "fast-lane". If I were starting a business, and since the internet is a HUGE resource/marketing/sales tool. It would basically be giving ISP's the ability to make or break my business. This is too much power. The fact that you guys have been bought, bribed, and manipulated into even discussing this as a thing and not just denying it as ludicrous right away disgusts me. Please act and stop these giant companies from having their way.

—Chad, Bend, OR

Without net neutrality I would no longer have access usefull free information. Without that information, I would be less productive. Also having access to many different points of view allows everyone to separate truth from fiction. If you allow ISP's to decide what we can and cannot see, we will only see opinions of those who have the money pay ISP's. I don't want to live in that world and the only people who would are those who could pay.

—Anthony McDermott, Holdrege, NE

thankd god for the supreme courts privacy decision

—Bob Thomas, beverly hills, CA

This issue is very near and dear to my heart because I am one of many millions/ billions of people who ise the internet to connect to blogs, free to use, and user supported sites. Having more speed diverted to higher paying or higher traffic sites is detrimental to the advancement of the internet generation. Big players will push the "yolo" mentality while people like me who are looking for scientific journals get to go back to the dark ages of internet where three minute videos take hours to load. Imgur will all but die as well as snopes and many thousands of blogs. I implore you to support net neutrality so there will be that many fewer "swag fags" I need net neutrality because i enjoy reading new and exciting advancements in the world not who wore what to the red carpet.

—Amy Yell, Newport News, VA

Please don't make life even harder on the citizens. It's getting pretty crappy already. Don't make it worse by slowing down our internet and allowing powerful and corrupt companies to get even more powerful and corrupt. If you care about the citizens of this country at all, don't allow the end of net neutrality.

—Michael Pavoni, Castro Valley, CA

Allowing cable companies to decide how fast or slow something loads would violate our rights to free speech and basically be no different than the Great Firewall of China. We are better than that, and we need to treat our citizens better than that.

—Dan Angell, Davenport, IA

Because in a world where all that matters is money, and who's got the most of it, it's refreshing to know that there is one place where a little guy can get the same attention as the mutli-billion dollar industries. In days past the government fought against monopolies. By killing net neutrality we are inviting the amazons, comcasts, and att of the world to decide what information we watch, read, and ultimately have way to much influence on what we think.

—Michael Frissore, South Bend, IN

Net neutrality is an important part of any world society, or person as it allows for the unlimited, unhindered, and unregulated access to information for the masses, most of which this information was not available to pre internet. I could go on about how cable companies supporting this are trying to gain the monopoly on the fast growing economy of the internet. But instead I'm going to focus on information as a commodity. I'll keep it short; by taking away net neutrality, information, or more specifically access to this information, is taken away as well for those who can't afford the "fast lanes" that big cable supports. And what does information create? It creates or introduces ideas, ideas that when put in appropriate hands have the ability to create, innovate, progress, among many other things. However the most important thing that information along with the ideas that it accompanies allow is the ability for a person or people to enrich their lives or the lives of others. And to take away net neutrality would be the same as taking away the bible from a Christian, the cookbook from the aspiring cook, the blueprints from the engineer, etc. When weighing the pros and cons of net neutrality I see very few cons of having it. However the reasons to support a neutral internet are limitless as I briefly summarized above. If you want to know more about this topic and to research it thoroughly, don't go to the cable companies and ask your questions, instead look for it on the internet.

—Caleb Hamilton, Sulphur, LA

For the freedom of speech of all people to be given equal treatment. To protect start ups and new companies from the unfair advantage which would be given to established internet companies due to the weight of their resources. To keep costs for online services from skyrocketing as companies try to offset the costs of increased expenses of making sure there was adequate speeds for their services.

—Parris G Pack, Richland, WA

Net Neutrality is important to me because ALREADY I'm paying for a 12Mbps connection and often cannot do anything on the internet because I'm getting more like 10bps on the only device on the network. Now imagine if when I call to complain about this, my isp can demand more money before correcting the issue...

—Tiffany Back, Socorro, NM

Net Neutrality is important to me because I find that the internet offers a low-cost alternative to traditional means of communication for low-income families. Additionally I feel it would be a great disservice and failure of the government and justice system to allow cable companies to win the battle of net neutrality, which would surely stifle the growing trend of online creativity, ingenuity, and new online business models, many of which low-income families rely on as sources of secondary income, communication, entertainment etc. Schoolchildren rely on the internet and net neutrality more than ever before for homework, school projects, and current events and making our nations schools pay a higher premium so their students can access their now-online resources would once again put low-income families and areas of our great nation at a great disadvantage. Additionally seeing as how under the first amendment all U.S. citizens have the right to a free press and many U.S. citizens nowadays get the news and current events from online services I feel as though the preservation of Net Neutrality is crucial to upholding my and all of our first amendment right to a free press. I feel as though it is government's responsibility to protect the people and instill as level a playing field as possible for people of all colors, genders, sexual orientations, faiths, and INCOMES. However, seeing as how allowing cable companies to kill net neutrality actively contradicts the key responsibility of government I sincerely hope the FCC will do the RIGHT thing and rule against cable companies and for the continuation of Net Neutrality.

—Matthew, Staten Island, NY

There are many, many things I could say on behalf of net neutrality, but in the end, what it comes down to is this is just another step in a long line of changes cable companies have enacted to screw everyone for the sake of their own bloated profits. You already know allowing this to pass is stupid, you don't need me to tell you why, thousands of others already have. What we really need is a revamping of the FCC to allow it more power to regulate the cable companies who are screwing the American people through effective monopoly. So take this whole stupid issue off the docket, it didn't deserve to be there in the first place. Instead, fire the dingo you lot call a chairman and reevaluate how you treat cable companies as a whole. They need to be subject to the same regulations as phone companies are, as I for one can attest to how important the internet is for daily communication and I hate the fact that my options for cable companies comes down to literally two choices, and that's a step up from some other places I have lived. Monopoly is the death of innovation, and there is far too much monopoly in America nowadays.

—Eric Chavez, Austin, TX

In a world overrun with corporations controlling nigh every element in our lives, it is nice to know that somewhere exists where every person has a voice that can be heard and isn't washed out by big businesses' constant roar. Taking away net neutrality will abolish our one way to be on equal playing ground with the minority of assholes with all the money.

—Anne Y., Bellevue, NE

Net Neutrality is important because I make my living as a math tutor through my website and the online tutoring agency through which I am employed.

—Teal Cyko, Aurora, IL

Net Neutrality ensures that numerous voices are heard, not just those who pay the most money. The internet becomes a place of expression and education, it'd be a shame that it be made into some marketing platform for an industry that whose main interest is in a bottom line. Net Neutrality, for however lame this sounds, protects the concept of the "American Dream" by ensuring everyone's voice can be heard, that's why Net Neutrality means something to me.

—Brian Bar, West Columbia, SC

This is your chance to protect the American public from those with so much power and influence that they cannot otherwise be stopped. I hope that you will use that chance wisely and maintain Net Neutrality.

—Lee Waite, Mattoon, IL

I believe in net neutrality because the internet should be open to all and not just the ones with the most money.

—Jeremy Crook, SPRING GROVE, IL

Small business is important in America. Net neutrality ensures small businesses have equal footing with large companies online, therefore supporting a free market.

—Bradley Dare, mason, OH

Net Neutrality allows anyone to contact the government and tell them what's what.

—Colin FitzGerald, Eden Prairie, MN

Net neutrality is important to me because our corporations are already too powerful. Cable and phone companies shouldn't have the power to decide who gets what and at what speed.

—Jennifer Beck, Sioux Falls, SD

Because I don't want cable companies to be able to decide what news I get. The United States of Comcast sounds like a horrible place to live in.

—Brian Fleming, Minneapolis, MN

I dont want out of touch old white men decided what the internet is.

—Seth, Knoxville, TN

Net neutrality allows for entrepreneurship that made Facebook, Google, Amazon and Netflix what they are today. Allowing a tiered system robs Americans of the opportunity to compete on an even field, in order to enhance profits for already-successful companies. Verizon, AT&T and Comcast should be regulated as utility companies are. Do not diminish the freedoms of all Americans for the benefit of the wealthiest few. Do the right thing.

—Jeff Scott, Omaha, NE

Allowing companies to control the greatest modern achievement the world has seen is downright wrong. Period. You should be ashamed if you at all feel that isn't the case.

—Robert Didato, danbury, CT

Leave things as they are

—Andre, Washington dc, CA

This is the most stereotypical case of big business attempting to crush the rights of average citizens in this day and age. Look at the millions in lobbying funds they've thrown, look at the millions of outcries included here, and it should be obvious which side the majority of Americans support. Whether by making broadband a public utility or pursuing some other form of resolution, net neutrality must be preserved.

—Jacob Wise, Westlake, OH

If you believe in capitalism, in the opportunity for anyone to improve their status and standing in the world, then you should support net neutrality. A world where Joe the millionaire can afford the fee to hawk his homemade wares online with reasonable internet speed but Laura can't, even if her goods are just as well made, is not a world that encourages the innovation that has made the internet the most valuable resource we have today.

—Skye, plano, TX

Really really? what the fuck is wrong with you people. this is why we hate the government. why the fuck would you destroy Net Neutrality.

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—Mordechai, lakewood, NJ

Net neutrality is hugely important to me, I have two young daughters that enjoy learning websites that don't tend to include YouTube, Netflix or any of the other sites that will be able to afford to pay whatever ridiculous fees that providers may require of them. Comcast has already lost my business for taking too much of my money, how much do they really need from websites?

—Stacey Dyda, Ypsilanti, MI

The open Internet has become the principle medium through which we express ourselves and through which we access information. The Web is our debate hall, it is our printing press — it's our paperboy. Journalists, artists, governments and innovative thinkers have relied on the open Web to collaborate and to usher our culture into the future. But broadband providers are not the Internet. They are simply the conduit and the pathway that we use to get online. To install broadband providers as gatekeepers of that open platform strips communities and individuals of their power and hands it to corporate behemoths like Verizon, AT&T and Comcast. What were once rights to access and disseminate information may become privileges of a chosen few. And this country was founded on those rights and in acknowledgment of our basic need for our speech to be delivered without discrimination. This is why I urge Chairman Wheeler and his fellow commissioners to correct course and reassert the FCC's clear authority over our nation's communications networks.

—Dutch Conway, Easthampton, MA

Why is this still happening? Why is this issue still considered an issue? Why are you people taking so long to see what Comcast, Cox, Verizon and others are doing? They want the ultimate control of internet speeds so they can make more money! It helps no one but themselves if they get what they want! Do you people actually believe that bandwidth is this finite, un-renewable resource?! It is absolutely ridiculous! Why are we forced into paying the amount that we are paying anyway for the piss poor speeds that we get!? Look around the world and see what other countries are paying and the speeds they are getting for that price. It almost seems like a joke when we make those comparisons. It does not take a rocket scientist or brain surgeon to see that Comcast's public approval is terrible. No one likes them. They have to spend millions and millions of dollars to give the mirage that people think they are hip and cool. Let's end this stupid back and forth. Let's put Verizon and Comcast in their place and shut them up and tell them to do their jobs. Their jobs are to offer a UTILITY to the public that should be affordable, accessible, and un filtered like all other utilities we use.

—Dillon, Nashville, TN

Do we really want to fall behind the rest of the civilized world in this category too? We are setting up a future generation to fail among their world-wide peers in order to line the pockets of large corporations. And our young people need a free and easily accessed internet. Our society is giving away too many things to monopolies. This isn't capitalism at its finest. It's a system that has been gamed, and a government that is cooperating with it. Please keep our internet equal and free.

—Amy Sage, park city, UT